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Enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report dated May 2, 2003, together with the references cited therein.

Please note DE 28 50 594 discloses a brush comprising a bristle body 5 (Fig. 2), bristles 3 and a brush cover body 2. The bristles are directly welded to the bristle body. An outer rim of

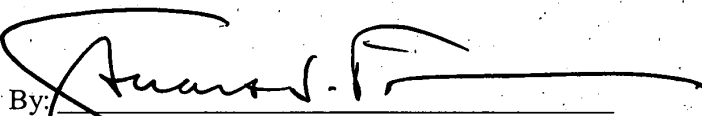
body 2 is flanged around wall 10 of body 5. An alternative is the use of a bristle-carrying plate 9 which is welded to or latched with body 1 (Fig. 3).

Additionally, B 1 009 925 shows various brushes composed of a plurality of brush elements (e.g. Pos. 2 in Figs. 1/2). The brush elements are one-piece elements including a bristle holder 2 and bristles 5. The toothbrush of Fig. 2 is produced by ultrasonic welding a plurality of brush elements 2.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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